

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY FROM THE TOWN OF CRESTON, 238-10<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NORTH ON TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020 AT 4:00 PM.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ron Toyota  
Councillor Jen Comer  
Councillor Arnold DeBoon  
Councillor Jim Elford  
Councillor Ellen Tzakis  
Councillor Karen Unruh  
Councillor Joanna Wilson

**STAFF:** Mike Moore, Chief Administrative Officer  
Jared Riel, Fire Chief  
Bev Caldwell, Corporate Officer

**MEDIA:** Jensen Shields, Juice FM

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Mayor called the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Moved by Councillor Tzakis, seconded by Councillor DeBoon  
THAT the Agenda for the Regular Committee of the Whole meeting of April 21, 2020, be adopted. **MOTION CARRIED**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

► HORSE ASSOC. OF CENTRAL KOONAY RE GRANT REQUEST

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 1:**

THAT the request from the Horse Association of Central Kootenay, for a discretionary grant to assist with expenses related to hosting Youth Horse Camps in the West Kootenay area in June and September 2020, be declined.

► CBT/CIP 2020 GRANT APPLICATIONS

**RECOMMENDATION NO.2:**

THAT the Columbia Basin Trust / Community Initiatives Program grant applications and 2020 grant awards, be deferred to the Special Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for May 26, 2020, for consideration.

► UPDATE FROM CAO RE COVID-19 & EOC STATUS

**RECOMMENDATION NO. 3:**

THAT the verbal report from the Chief Administrative Officer with regards to the status of the Emergency Operations Centre and the COVID-19 Pandemic, be received.

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**QUESTION PERIOD**

► **BUDGET / PROJECTS**

Mr. Jensen Shields asked why the Town would not carry out the necessary work of replacing playground equipment, while playgrounds are closed.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the playground equipment that is scheduled for replacement is not being replaced because it is dangerous, but that it is just scheduled for replacement. The decision not to proceed with the equipment replacement at this time is strictly a budgetary consideration, due to the current health crisis. Several projects are in abeyance pending a review of the budget following the close of the Emergency Operations Centre.

► **FIRE HALL**

**TENDERING PROCESS**

Mr. Shields asked about the tendering process for the new fire hall building.

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that the tendering for the new Creston Emergency Services building would be tendered out as one project, even though there are several stages to the construction. Those tendering on the project will need to identify the three stages in their proposal and include related costs / allowances with respect to each stage (availability of equipment, costs, etc.).

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Committee of the Whole meeting held April 21, 2020, adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

AS TO THE MINUTES OF THIS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING:

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Ron Toyota, Mayor

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Bev Caldwell, Corporate Officer